(b) whether there are any similar Co-operatives anywhere in the country which are defying such elementary laws of the land and selling farm produce in packs without marking price and if so, details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government as a first step will withdraw all loans, grants and other support and recognition from such Government supported Cooperatives and also black list them and cancel their import licenses apart from other punitive action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, no declaration as to the sale price and month and year of manufacturing/packing are required to be made on uncanned packages of butter. Butter being not a controlled item, the concerned trade and industry determines the price.

Development of Food Processing Industry in M.P.

2026. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the development of food processing industry in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for the development of food processing industry in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) This Ministry has formulated several developmental plan schemes for the 8th Plan under which assistance is provided to State Government organisations/cooperative societies/voluntary agencies/joint sector/public sector organisations for the development of food processing industries in the States. The State Governments have been requested to formulate suitable schemes for the development of food processing industries for the 8th Plan keeping in view the potential available in their respective States.

Joint ventures in deep sea fishing

2027. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large number of proposals for joint ventures in deep sea fishing and sea food business involving fishing companies from USA, Japan and Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects under consideration and the present state of negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) While no proposal for joint venture in deep sea fishing with Saudi Arabian company has been received, one joint venture proposal for deep sea fishing and processing in collaboration with a U.S.A. company has been cleared. Another joint venture proposal with a Japanese company which envisages fishing operation and on-board processing with a factory ship of 110 m overall length in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone for production of 'Surimi' and fish meal is under consideration.

Violation of commitments by Pepsi

2028. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in the Economic Times dated 30th April, 1992 captioned "Ministry is